

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
September 14, 2006
Minutes

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Dudley Hamlin, ChrisKueffner, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Gary Bent, Martha Kelly, John Thacher

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes - MOTION by Dr. Patwa, seconded Mr. Kueffner to approve the minutes of the 6/8/06 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

III. Hearing for Visitors – None.

IV. Communications – None.

V. Additions to Present Agenda - Upcoming Board Meeting Dates and MMS Fiddlehike. The K-4 Physical Education Curriculum revision was tabled and will be presented at a future meeting.

Martha Kelly arrived at 7:40p.m.

VI. Committee Reports –Mr. Simpson reported that the School Building Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Town Council on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Community Center. The Committee plans to schedule a Public Hearing on the project in October.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. Introduction of New Certified Staff** - The Building Principals introduced their new teachers to the Board.
- B. Mansfield Middle School Fiddlehike** -Mr.Michael Carbonneau, the MMS Orchestra Director and Mr. Jeffrey Cryan, Mansfield Middle School Principal discussed theFiddlehike Weekend Trip to New Hampshire with students from the Country Fiddle after school program. **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Mr. Hamlin to sanction the Fiddlehike. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- C. 4th Quarter Financial Report -MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Dr. Patwa to accept the Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2006. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- D. Budget Transfers FY 205-2006 - MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Ms. Feathers to approve Budget Transfers 2005-2006. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- E. Windham Magnet School** - Ms Susan Collins and Ms Paula Haney, members of the Windham Board of Education, shared information about the proposed Windham Environmental and Cultural Studies Magnet School.
MOTION byDr. Patwa seconded by Ms Feathers to accept the governance of the school. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- F. Healthy Food Certification - MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Ms Feathers to approve the Connecticut Nutrition Standards Exclusion. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

- G. **2006 CMT Results** - Mr. Fred Baruzzi, Assistant Superintendent, reported the Mansfield results of the Spring 2006 Connecticut Mastery Test, Fourth Generation.
 - H. **Class Size/Enrollment** - The principals discussed the Opening Day Enrollment Numbers. The district's enrollment has increased by 29 students.
 - I. **Personnel - MOTION** by Ms Feathers seconded by Dr. Patwa to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the employment of Heather Brincks and Jill Devor, one-year kindergarten teachers at Vinton and Southeast Schools; Catherine Hain, grade four teacher at Vinton; Sarah Kania and Judith Quinn, Literacy Coaches/Remedial Reading teachers at Vinton and Goodwin; Karen Moylan, district-wide Mathematics Consultant; Jane Moynihan, one-year grade two teacher at Goodwin; Aaron Murray, one-year grade six mathematics/reading teacher, Sarah Peters, one-year school psychologist at Vinton; and Allison Peterson, grade three teacher at Vinton; **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
MOTION by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Mr. Hamlin to accept the request for unpaid childrearing leave for the 2006-2007 school year by Barbara Yeager, School Psychologist, Vinton; the resignations of Julie Beturne, third grade teacher at Vinton; Cindy Carcia Kelly, Special Education teacher at Vinton; and Danielle Galligan, fourth grade teacher at Vinton. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- VIII.** Upcoming Board Meeting Dates - Following a brief discussion, the Board decided to reschedule its second meeting in October to Wednesday, October 25, 2006. In addition, the November 9, 2006 meeting is rescheduled to November 16, 2006.
- IX.** Hearing for Visitors – None.
- X.** Suggestions for Future Agenda – Dr. Patwa would a discussion on Special Education Programs. Mrs. Kelly asked for information on homeless and undernourished children in Mansfield.
- XI.** Adjournment - **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Ms Feathers to adjourn at 9:35p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.